Michael Pham

Objective

To view basic science research first hand and gain knowledge and experience.

Experience

1999 Institute for Genetic Medicine Los Angeles, CA

Research Assistant/Observer

- Worked under Dr. Juergen Reichardt as part of the Edmonson Summer Fellowship at USC
- Gained experience in genotyping, PCR, gel electrophoresis, and restriction enzyme digestion

2000 USC Department of Pathology Los Angeles, CA

Research Assistant/Observer

- Worked under Dr. Roy-Burman as part of the Edmonson Summer Fellowship at USC
- Performed protein/DNA purification, genotyping, PCR
- Experience in handling rats as well as sacrificing them
- Observed surgeries performed on rats to isolate brain tissue

2002-2003 (July-Jan) Celgene Corporation

La Jolla, CA

Lab Assistant II

- Worked in the medicinal chemistry department
- Performed protein crystallography assays and protein purification
- Performed various lab duties such as routine maintenance and making buffers and solutions.

2005 – 2006 The Scripps Research Institute La Jolla, CA Undergraduate Independent Study

- Currently working in Dr. George Koob's lab under Sunmee Wee
- Studying cocaine and methamphetamine self-administration in rats.
- Experience in handling rats, operating operant conditioning chambers, and brain removal for histological studies.

2006 - Present National Institute of Health Bethesda, MD

Post-Baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award

- Working with Dr. Steven Vogel and Dr. Rui Costa at the NIAAA
- Using fiber-optics to study in-vivo expression of proteins in the brains of mice while they learning new tasks.

Education

1997–2001 Rancho Cucamonga H.S. Alta Loma, CA

Graduated top-ten in class

2001-2006 University of California, San Diego La Jolla, CA

- BS in Bioengineering
- Minor in Psychology
- Taken courses in biostatistics, experimental techniques and design, drugs and behavior, bioengineering lab (equivalent to physiology lab), neuroscience, physiology, biochemistry, chemistry, and organic chemistry and lab.

Extracurriculars

2002-2005

UCSD Volunteer Connection

La Jolla, CA

- Director of Active Students for Teens, a mentoring/tutoring organization targeting at risk high school students. (2002-2004)
- Assistant Director of the Volunteer Connection office (2004-2005)
- Organized numerous on-campus volunteer events such as Indian Ocean tsunami relief efforts and Hands On San Diego

2003-2006 San Diego Children's Hospital San Diego, CA

Volunteer in the Hematology/Oncology department

2006-Present NIH Pre-doc IRTA Committee Bethesda, MD

Institute representative for the NIAAA

References

Given upon request